

House Bill 497

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and Jordan of the 77th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 10-1-357 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violations of provisions pertaining to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for the forfeiture of vehicles used to transport stolen metals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 10-1-357 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violations of provisions pertaining to secondary metals recyclers, is amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

"(c) Any motor vehicle used to transport ferrous or nonferrous metals or regulated metal property in violation of any provision of this article or in violation of any provision of Code Sections 16-8-2 through 16-8-9 is declared to be contraband and subject to forfeiture to the state. Forfeiture shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsections (b) through (g) of Code Section 40-6-391.2, relating to the seizure and forfeiture of motor vehicles operated by habitual violators."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009, and shall apply to all violations occurring on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.